

U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

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DISTRICT OF MASS.

Brimfield Housing Authority, et. al.,	)
	)
Plaintiffs,	)
	)
v.	)
	)
Amerada Hess Corporation, et al.,	)
	)
Defendants.	)
	)

Civil Action No. 2003-12399RGS

**DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO STAY PROCEEDINGS  
PENDING RULING ON TRANSFER AND CONSOLIDATION BY  
THE JUDICIAL PANEL ON MULTIDISTRICT LITIGATION  
(Hearing Requested)**

Pursuant to Local Rule 7.1, the undersigned defendants ("Defendants") respectfully move for a stay of all proceedings in this action until the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation ("JPML") determines whether this matter should be transferred to a single court and consolidated with numerous substantially similar actions also before the JPML as part of the existing MDL 1358 (*In re MTBE Product Liability Litigation*).

In support of this Motion, Defendants rely upon the accompanying Memorandum of Law.

**REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT**

Defendants respectfully requests oral argument of the within Motion on the grounds that the within addresses the conservation of the parties, and judicial, resources, and that they believe oral argument will be of assistance to the Court.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL RULE 7.1**

I certify that I conferred with Plaintiffs' counsel, Celeste Evangelisti of Baron & Budd, P.C., on December 11, 2003 pursuant to Local Rule 7.1 and that she advised me that Plaintiffs oppose this Motion.



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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Lisa G. Arrowood, one of the attorneys for CITGO Petroleum Corporation, hereby certify that I caused a copy of the foregoing to be served upon all counsel on the attached Service List, by U.S. Mail, first class postage prepaid, on December 11, 2003.



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